

Situational Report

Event Name	Operational Period/Date
Freedom Convoy	27 January, 2022 – 1130 hrs
East Region	Action
Fast Fact Various convoys of vehicles originating from multiple locations across Canada are enroute to Ottawa with the intent to converge on Parliament.	
Sit Rep • Convoys enroute to Ottawa via various routes throughout Ontario. • Fatal collision in West Region attributed to the one convoy making its way through the Region. The involved convoy was estimated to be about 300 vehicles but has been split by the crash with roughly half of the vehicles now • Overpasses are being used heavily by pedestrians showing support to the convoys as they pass. • PLT heavily engaged in all convoys. • Convoys beginning to argue amongst themselves creating division and communication challenges. • Some indigenous support has been seen, including one group from Six Nations. • Ottawa Police service has developed a robust plan that would allow for capacity to accommodate up to 3000 commercial vehicles. • Public reaction to convoys is very mixed with both staunch supporters as well as staunch opposition. • PLT are engaged with other police services. • ER detachment commanders are being asked to ensure that their local municipal leaders are fully aware of the situation and the efforts the OPP are making to minimize impact on their communities (particularly those along Hwy #7). • Kingston Police have a robust plan to host large numbers of trucks near the MM#611 interchange. KPF plan originally looked to have lane closures of Hwy 401 closed but they have been advised that will not be possible. • Weather advisory issued for Napanee / Kingston areas and may cause poor driving conditions. Unknown impact at this point.	
Convoy Location: One convoy, E/B on Hwy 401 have stopped at the Trenton OnRoute to allow the second half of the group to catch up. Another group is at 427/401 and is continuing EB. New information that a new group has set out from Vaughan southbound on Hwy 400 toward 401 and is anticipated to merge in the eastern portion of CR (Port Hope). OPP/MTO have resources staged at Trenton and Odessa.	
Municipalities: All municipal police agencies in affected areas within ER have been engaged. Most have prepared Operations Plans of their own.	
Overpass Impact: Large numbers of pedestrians have been gathering on and around overpasses along travel routes for the various convoys. Municipalities were asked yesterday to clear accumulated snow from their overpasses in anticipation of people gathering on them to support the convoys. Some municipalities expressed hesitation to do so for perceived liability reasons. Messaging being distributed asking people NOT to congregate on overpasses because of safety concerns from accumulated snow, etc.	

PLT: As above.

Administrative/Planning:

Occurrence: RM22009444

Registry: 22-59

Obligated Duty: 861

IFIS: Tracked locally and reported on final variance report.

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